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Applicants : Constantine J. Tsikos et al.
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Title: METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR PRODUCING DIGITAL IMAGES OF OBJECTS WITH SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED SPECKLE-NOISE PATTERNS BY ILLUMINATING SAID OBJECTS WITH SPATIALLY AND/OR TEMPORALLY COHERENT-REDUCED PLANAR LASER ILLUMINATION
Examiner : Ahshik Kim
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 4, 20002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed in the present Application on February 28, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments to the same:

AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 14, 20, 22, 37 and 56 as follows:

14. (Amended) An automated unitary-type package identification and measuring system [(i.e. contained within] comprising:

a [single] housing [or enclosure), wherein];

a [PLIIM-based scanning] planar laser illumination and imaging (PLIIM) based barcode reading subsystem [is used to read] disposed in said housing, for reading bar codes on packages passing below or near [the] said system[, while] so as to identify said packages; and

a package dimensioning subsystem [is used to capture] disposed in said housing, for capturing information about [the package] said packages prior to being identified by said PLIIM-based barcode reading subsystem.